



TOWN OF HAMDEN

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HAMDEN HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TOWN HALL, ROOM 21

March 23, 1966

Mr. E. P. Fappiano
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
275 Winchester Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fappiano:

I wish to thank you, Mr. E. L. DeShong, Dr. R. Henderson and Mr. W. L. C. Jones for attending the meeting in the Hamden Health Department on March 23, 1966, for the purpose of discussing the private dump being conducted by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation at 475 Putnam Avenue, Hamden. At this meeting I pointed out that Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation is maintaining a nuisance on the property at 475 Putnam Avenue by:

- 1) Illegal transportation of rubbish into the Town of Hamden from the City of New Haven;
- 2) By burning this rubbish and volatile chemicals and thus creating a considerable amount of air pollution and also obnoxious odors;
- 3) By burying some of these burned and unburned chemicals in the ground and thus creating a hazard to our public water supply which is about 100 to 150 feet distant from the area of dumping;
- 4) By containing this rubbish in drums, some of which are covered and some are not, and allowing some of these drums to be knocked over and spilling some of the debris and chemicals on the surface of the ground, thus allowing easy access of these chemicals into the swampy areas of Lake Whitney;
- 5) By maintaining an unsightly area and an area that might invite vermin, insects and rodents.



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In view of the above conditions described, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation is violating the Ordinance of the Town of Hamden in reference to the transportation of rubbish into the Town of Hamden. Also you are violating Section 19-13-B22 of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut and are in violation of Section 19-79 and Section 19-315 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, Volume 4. A copy of the Ordinance and pertinent Sections of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the pertinent Section of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut are appended to this letter.

As Director of Health of the Town of Hamden, according to the powers issued to me, I hereby issue this official order that all nuisances be abated as follows:

- 1) That the illegal transportation of refuse into the Town of Hamden for burning, storing and burying be stopped immediately as of March 23, 1966;
- 2) That the present combustible materials be burned by March 26, 1966. The fire marshal and the fire chief also concur with this order.
- 3) That all stored refuse be carted away from this dump and out of the Town of Hamden by April 6, 1966, and that the area be covered over with considerable dirt so it cannot be excavated by animals, nor will there be a runoff of dissolved chemicals after such material is covered.

I shall appreciate the good will and the cooperation of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation to abate this nuisance and thus make any further action unnecessary.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Parente, M.D.
Director of Health

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Append

FROM:

The Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut
(pg. 44)

Sec. 19-13-B22. Manufacturing and other wastes. No materials or waste products from any mill, factory, slaughterhouse, rendering or fertilizing works, junk establishment, common carrier or other industry or utility shall be stored or deposited so as to cause the surrounding atmosphere, land or water to be contaminated or polluted in such a manner as to injure the public health or create offensive conditions.

FROM:

General Statutes of Connecticut - Revision of 1958-Volume IV
(pg. 214)

Sec. 19-79. Duties of town, city and borough directors of health. Town, city and borough directors of health shall, within their respective jurisdictions, examine into all nuisances and sources of filth, injurious to the public health, cause such nuisances to be abated and cause to be removed all filth which in their judgment may endanger the health of the inhabitants; and all expenses for the abatement or removal of such nuisance or filth shall be paid by the person who placed it there, if known, and, if not known, by the town, city or borough, as the case may be. When any such filth or nuisance is found on private property, such director of health shall notify the owner or occupant of such property to remove or abate the same at his expense, within such time as the director directs, and, if he fails to remove it, he shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars and pay the expense and costs incurred by such removal or abatement. Any director of health may enter all places within his jurisdiction where there is just cause to suspect any nuisance or source of filth to exist. In each town, except in a town having a city or borough within its limits, the town director of health shall have and exercise all the power for preserving the public health and preventing the spread of diseases; and, in any town within which there exists a city or borough, the limits of which are not coterminous with the limits of such town, such town director of health shall exercise the powers and duties of his office only in such part of such town as is outside the limits of such city or borough.
(1949 Rev., S. 3850)

FROM:

General Statutes of Connecticut- Revision of 1958-Volume IV
(pg. 313)

Sec. 19-315. Nuisances created by filthy water. Any person who places, collects or allows to remain upon the surface of land owned or occupied by him, or discharges or allows to be discharged from his premises upon the land of another or upon any public land, any filthy water, garbage or other filthy or noxious matter, whereby the owner or occupant of land in the vicinity thereof is injured or annoyed, or discharges or deposits upon the watershed of any stream or reservoir used to supply water to any community filthy or noxious matter, or any person who, outside of a city or borough, in any town, engages or assists in the business of manufacturing fertilizers or other products from refuse animal matter, at any place within half a mile from a public highway, without license from the director of health of such town, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars. The court before which such conviction is had may order the accused to remove such nuisance within three days, and, upon his failure to do so, it shall be removed by a constable of the town where such nuisance is maintained, and the court may tax the cost of the same against the accused and issue execution therefor. (1949 Rev., S 4205;1951, S.2142d.)

ORDINANCE OF TOWN OF HAMDEN

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH

No person shall bring any garbage or rubbish into the Town of Hamden from any other town without first obtaining a permit therefor from the selectman.

(1920 Revision of Ordinances).